

Our Session		
CLASS of 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
Steve Jewett <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>	Shawnee Wakeman <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>	Glenn Jones <i>Finance &amp; Administration</i>
Nancy Thomas <i>Worship</i>	Marie Morrison <i>Worship</i>	Scott Jones <i>Worship</i>
Candice Shepard <i>Congregational Connections</i>	Ben Schneider <i>Congregational Connections</i>	Reggie Hunnicutt <i>Congregational Connections</i>
Jim Rockel <i>Building &amp; Grounds</i>	Billy Carriker <i>Building &amp; Grounds</i>	Jim Pharr <i>Building and Grounds</i>
Dave Mowery <i>Christian Education</i>	Thomas Heavey <i>Christian Education</i>	Kathy Dulin <i>Christian Education</i>

Congregational Connections meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm  
 Building and Grounds meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm  
 The Worship Team meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm  
 Christian Education meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00am  
 Finance meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm



**Here's what's happening at RRPC in the coming months!!**

- Aug. 18 - Introduction to Honey Bees Class
- Aug. 26 - CE Sunday and Ice Cream Social
- Sept. 9 - September Meeting
- Oct. 6 - Yard Sale
- Oct. 13 - Fall Festival and Brunswick Stew

Keep this list handy and watch for updates! We are always adding new and exciting events!!

**Rocky River Presbyterian Church • 7940 Rocky River Road • Concord NC 28025**

www.rockyriver.org • 704-455-2479 • fax: 704-455-2489

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Neal Carter • 704-455-2479 or 910-280-9688 • nealcarter64@gmail.com

Church Administrator: Cyndi Conway • 704-455-2479 • churchadmin@rockyriver.org

Director of Christian Education: Sharon Vanpelt • 704-455-2479 • dce@rockyriver.org

Youth Director: JD McNutt • 704-455-2479 • youthrrpc@gmail.com

**Summer Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30 to 4:00 and Friday 8:30 to 12:30**

**Cyndi will be out of the office from July 31 thru August 8**

**Neal will be out of the office from August 3 thru 8**

**Please contact a church elder if you have an emergency or need help with anything.**



**Morning Worship**  
**Sunday, August 5, 2018**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

PRELUDE

*(Let us prepare our hearts for worship • Please silence your cell phones)*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Colton Heavey

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**All: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

One: The living Christ is with us.

**All: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.**

† HYMN #487

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Time of Silent Confession*

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

One: Friends believe the good news of the gospel.  
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
 One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
 The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**All: And also with you.**

*Let us exchange a word of peace with our neighbors and remain standing for our Response to Forgiveness*

† RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Gloria Patri* #579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**The Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Gracious God, just as Christ has taught the way of life to us, the church, we have the responsibility of bringing life to the world around us through our ministries and the outreach of missions through our connections of faith near and around the world. May your Spirit and your word lead us still to your life that is in the world around us. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 103: 8-11; Psalm 23: 6  
 (pages 554 and 501)

One: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

JD McNutt

ANTHEM

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5: 1-7; Ephesians 2: 4-10  
 (pages 4 and 192)

One: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Blessed Are The Merciful*

George Slaton

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Ruth Mills, friend of Vance & Brenda Horton; Keith Long, son of Darlene Chase; Buddy Holson, friend of Jimmy Stafford and Mary Litteral; Gerald Jones, father of Deb Carter; Alan Clawson; Jeannette Lefler, sister of Dale Ritchie; John Rankin; Will Harris, nephew of Cyndi Conway (battling leukemia); Julia Wainwright, friend of Alice Williams; Jim Avery, friend of Cyndi Conway; Roman Shepard; Mary Alexander; Michelle Pena Clark, daughter-in-law of Jerry and Linda Clark; Ann Glosson; Phyllis Griffin; Teresa Faw, family of Alice Williams; Kay Jenkins, friend of Jerry Clark; Neil Cochran; Amber Ritter, co-worker of Deb Carter; Harley and Teresa Vea, friends of Janet Little; Margaret Hale; Bob D’Ameilo, friend of Laura Milliken; Anna Melvin; Shorty McCachren; Mandy Ide; Lavada Freeman; Pat McDonald; Marie Hildreth; Bob Boswell, father of Dori Swaringen; Wes and Ree Abernathy; Benita Schirtzinger, mother of Darren Bird; Sam Peterson, friend of Priscilla Giuliano; Alan Cochran, brother of Neil Cochran; Ann Jones, daughter of Ray and Priscilla Clawson; Sonya Moorehead, friend of Jerry Clark; Lindy and Helene Linenberger; Ouida Harman; Jim Busse, friend of Stephanie Campbell; Amy Hicks; Brendan Milliken; Seville Funk; Marlene Howard; Kay Nalbone; Jimmy McDonald; Linda Modzelesky; Bob Brombacher; Teresa Williams; Zackie Moore.

**Circle Meetings—** The Presbyterian Women’s Circle meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 7 and 14th. The morning circle will meet on August 7 at Chong Chin Restaurant at 11:30 for lunch and the evening circle will meet on August 14 at The Union Street Bistro at 6:30 for dinner. All of the women of the church are invited and encouraged to join us. We strive to minister to the congregation as a whole and to the women in particular through Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We would love to welcome some new faces to our groups! We meet the first Tuesday of each month.



The fall GriefShare class will begin Thursday, August 16 for 13 weeks. You can register online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). or by calling the office. The only cost is \$15 for the workbook. This class is offered to anyone in our community who has lost a loved one and needs help living with their grief.

Questions? Please contact Julia Alexander [j.richie.alex@gmail.com](mailto:j.richie.alex@gmail.com) or by calling 704--455-9753



Thank you to everyone that has faithfully contributed to the Ten Cents-A-Meal program. If you have been saving money at home each day, we will be taking that collection **TODAY** during A Time for Children. We have raised over \$1,400 to date to help fight hunger.

Loan Status	
Education Building Loan as of:	
6/15/2018	<b>\$370,000</b>
Minimum Monthly Payment	\$5,110
<i>Thank you to everyone that pledged to our Capital Campaign</i>	

Stewardship Report	
2018 Budget	\$379,548
Total given YTD	\$199,793
Amt. needed per month:	\$ 31,629
Total for July	\$ 36,440
Amount needed Weekly	\$ 7,299
Total for July 29	\$ 5,763

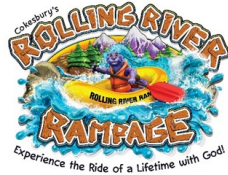
## Children's Ministry

Sharon Vanpelt, Director of Christian Education - [dce@rockyriver.org](mailto:dce@rockyriver.org)

### Sunday School - Incredible Faith: Bible Heroes

Summer Sunday School for younger students has been going great! Kids are donning capes each Sunday and learning that they can be super heroes with the power of Jesus Christ working through them. Summer Sunday School will conclude August 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a combined Sunday School class on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and the new Sunday School year will officially kick off on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Contact Sharon Vanpelt at 704-455-2479/[dce@rockyriver.org](mailto:dce@rockyriver.org)



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM

We have a great program planned and hope to see you and your children/grandchildren here!!

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR  
RIPPLES OF KINDNESS MISSION PROJECT**

## Youth Ministry

JD McNutt, Youth Director - [youthrrpc@gmail.com](mailto:youthrrpc@gmail.com)


**Sunday School—Sunday Morning at 10:00am down in the basement (Room B-6)** - Middle School and High School youth gather each week before worship service.

**Lego Fun every Wednesday at 6:45pm after dinner**

### Youth Calendar:

- August 5 - 9 Help with VBS!! All hands on deck! We need you one or all of the nights!!
- August 12 - No youth activities
- August 18 - 1pm; Go to Carillon and play Bingo!
- August 19 - youth; 6pm
- August 26 - Churchwide Ice Cream Social (bring out your best homemade recipe!!)

Questions? Contact JD McNutt at 704-287-6732/[youthrrpc@gmail.com](mailto:youthrrpc@gmail.com)



**SAVE THE DATE!!** Back to School Ice Cream Social  
Sunday August 26th @ 6:00pm  
All are invited! Bring your favorite home-made or store bought ice cream flavor and the youth will supply the toppings!! We look forward to this time of fellowship before the kids head back to school and our busy fall schedules begin!

## Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† HYMN#422 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*The Leaders of Vacation Bible School will come to the front of the church during this song for the dedication*

VBS LEADER DEDICATION

(see insert)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #592  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, You have given every good gift for proclaiming Your presence and Your love. The world is thirsting for this good news. People struggle for words of hope and peace. As You have been blessed, now go to be a blessing in God's Name. Amen.**

## Sending

† HYMN #369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever; Grant us peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor; Lift up your eyes and see His face, love will leave you never; May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.**

POSTLUDE

† Please stand if you are able

## Worship Ministry

**Choir Chime Ringer, Today:** Anna Talton

**Next Week:** James Ide

**Worship Assistant, Today:** Kathy Linker

**Next Week:** Candice Shepard

**Ushers, Today:** Robin Hartsell, Butch McDonald, Danny Tankersley, Jim Pharr, Ruth McDonald

**Next Week:** Ted Dickason, Jeff Thomas, Dave Mowery, Thomas Linker, Bob Windell

**A Time for Children, Today:** JD McNutt

**Next Week:** Thomas Heavey

**Nursery Volunteers, Today:** Alice Williams, Linda Clark; Pam McCachren

**Next Week:** Kathy Dulin and Rebecca Murray; Traci Bird and Cindy Spickard

**Summer Sunday School, Today:**

**Next Week:** Robin Hartsell

**Bread Ministry Baker, Today:** Mary Loraas

**Next Week:** Linda Clark

**Weekly Counting, Today:** Teri & Reggie Hunnicutt

**Next Week:** Teri & Steve Jewett

We are happy to welcome George Slaton to our church again today, while Neal is on vacation.

George is a native of Charlotte NC and grew up in Concord. He attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond VA and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville KY. He served churches in Florida and Tennessee. After clinical training in pastoral counseling and psychotherapy at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta GA, George served from 1980 until 2010 as therapist and then as Executive Director of Presbyterian Counseling Center in Wilmington NC from which he retired and moved to Cornelius NC. He serves as presbytery liaison to two congregations and is a member of presbytery's Conciliation Team.

## Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Welcome, guests and friends!

**What a blessing that God led you to worship with us today!**

*Visitors—please sign our friendship pad, and let us know if there is anything we can do for you. We invite you to join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship. Dinner is served at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Maple Glazed Chicken. Cost is \$5 per person—maximum \$15 per family.*

**Worship Packets for preschool** children are available in the vestibule and located in our red activity bags. These packets are designed to help children participate in worship. Please return the bags to the vestibule as you leave the service.

**Nursery and childcare services** are always available during service for infants through Kindergarten.

**Interested in membership?** Contact our Church Administrator, Cyndi Conway, to arrange a meeting with our Pastor, Neal Carter. 704-455-2479 or churchadmin@rockyriver.org

**VISITS FROM THE PASTOR—** Please remember to let us know if someone is in the hospital, is ill, or just needs a visit from the pastor. This ministry is so important to Neal and to our church—knowing that your pastor and church family are here to support you in your time of need is one of the blessings of being a member at RRPC. Call the office at 704-455-2479 or Neal directly on his cell phone (**REALLY—CALL HIS CELL PHONE!**) at **910-280-9688**.

**HOLY YOGA™** Holy Yoga Classes - PLEASE NOTE: No Yoga classes the week of August 5 due to VBS. The last week of classes in this 7 week session will be the week of August 12th.



**Silver Sneakers Yoga Class** - will now be offered on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Crystal Passmore is the instructor and is certified by Silver Sneakers. If you are a member of Silver Sneakers the class is offered at no charge,

if you are not a member of Silver Sneakers the cost is \$3 per class. This class is designed for all ages and skill levels. Chairs are available if needed for support! Come and give it a try!

**Introduction to Honey Bees (Apis Mellifera) - Saturday, August 18 at 9:30am**

Class is open to anyone in the congregation that has an interest in learning about honey bees. The world's ratio of non-beekeepers to beekeepers is astounding. The non-beekeepers control most of the bee forage land, use most of the pesticides and herbicides, and yet have only a rudimentary knowledge of the tremendous assets they control for bee health and their habitats. We must find ways to engage non-beekeepers, which is the goal of this class. Topics will include pollinators, biology, history, fauna, flora, pesticides, safety and items utilized in beekeeping and will be taught by Stan Frick and King McCachren.



**Please let King McCachren know if you will be attending this class.**